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WHereas *We have already given Orders to the Master of Our Revels, and also to both the Companies of Comedians Acting in* Drury-Lane *and* Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, *to take special Care, that nothing be Acted in either of the Theatres contrary to Religion or good Manners, upon pain of Our high Displeasure, and of being silenc'd from further Acting: And being further desirous to Reform all other Indecencies and Abuses of the Stage which have occasioned great Disorders, and justly give Offence; Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, and We do hereby strictly Command, That no Person, of what Quality soever, presume to go behind the Scenes, or come upon the Stage, either before or during the Acting of any Play; That no Woman be allow'd or presume to wear a Vizard-Mask in either of the Theatres; And that no Person come into either House without paying the Prices Establish'd for their respective Places. All which Orders We strictly Command all the Managers, Sharers and Actors, of the said Companies, to see exactly Observ'd and Obey'd. And We Require and Command all Our Constables and others, appointed to attend the Theatres, to be Aiding and Assisting to them therein: And if any Persons whatsoever shall Disobey this Our known Pleasure and Command, We shall proceed against them as Contemners of Our Royal Authority, and Disturbers of the Publick Peace.*

Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the Seventeenth Day of *January*, 1703. in the Second Year of Our Reign.

Lisbon, Dec. 27. *N. S.* We are extreamly pleased here with the Resolutions of the House of Commons, as well what related to the carrying on the whole War, as what related in particular to *Portugal*; and the King seems much pleased with these Proceedings, especially with the Address of the House of Commons after the Storm, to desire the Queen to build more Ships, and take care of the Families of the Seamen who were lost, because it is a great Assurance, That all the Allies may depend on the Assistance of *England*, notwithstanding any ill Success.

Turin, Jan 3. On the 19th of the last Month publick Notice was given, That the Duke having ordered 2 Redoubts to be made in the Valley of *Valentino*, and a Half Moon before the Bastion of *Santa Christina*, any Persons who would be willing to furnish the necessary Materials for those Works, might make their Proposals to certain Persons, who were appointed to receive the same. No other Preparations are wanting which may contribute to the Security of this Town, or any other part of his Royal Highness's Dominions, care being taken to have the Fortifications of all his Frontier Towns in good repair, and the Magazines well stored with Provisions and Ammunition, for which purpose several Pieces of Cannon, with considerable quantities of Arms and Ammunition, were sent from hence last week to *Verue*, *Alba*, *Chieri*, and other Places. Directions are given for Cloathing to be got ready for 8 Regiments of Foot, of 900 Men each, which it is said our Duke will raise in *Switzerland*. These great Preparations requiring extraordinary Supplies, several Methods of raising them have been proposed, and one of those which are most likely to be followed is, the requiring the several Provinces to furnish each a certain Sum, in proportion to the Wealth of their Inhabitants: That the States of each Province shall assess the several Towns within their District, and the Magistrates of each Town the Inhabitants thereof; and it is believed that Two Millions of Crowns may easily be raised this way, without burthening the People. One *Giacomo Mate*, who was formerly Fiscal of *Villa-Nova d'Asti*, endeavoured lately to bring a Body of *French* Troops into *Riva*, to surprise a Regiment of our Dragoons which was quartered there; but this Attempt miscarried, and this *Mate* being seized, was sentenced to be hanged, and was accordingly executed on the first Instant. The Marquisses of *Tornon* and *Alba*, and the Chevalier *Carlino*, 3 of the Duke of *Savoy*'s Officers, who served in those Troops of his Royal Highness's which were seized and disarmed by the *French* in the *Milaneze*, arrived here the 21st past, having made their Escape out of the hands of the Enemy. The *Vaudois* make Excursions into *Dauphine* with very good Success, and have already raised Contributions to the Value of above 50000 Livres, which they presented to the Duke of *Savoy*, who was pleased to thank them, and to desire they would distribute it among themselves. They have, by his Royal Highness's Leave, chosen one *Malanot*, who was one of their Captains in the late War, to command them in Chief, and he is come hither to wait upon the Duke, and to receive his Orders. The *German* Forces under Major-General *Visconti* have been joined by a good number of *German* Horse, which have found the Means to get hither through the *Milaneze* 3 or 4 in a Company, so that they are now a Body of 1650 strong. We hear the *French* Soldiers in *Asti* are very sickly, and that many of them have died within these few days.

Falmouth, Jan. 15. The *Birch* Galley, bound for *Fial*, the *St. Christopher*, for *Ireland*, and the *Kingston*, homeward-bound from *Jamaica*, all three belonging to *London*, came in here the 10th Instant. The *Expedition* Pacquet-Boat arrived the 12th from *Lisbon*. This day Her Majesty's Ships the *Lime* and the *Sidney* Frigat sailed to the Eastward, with about 50 Sail under their Convoy, most Colliers, bound to *Plimouth*, *Dartmouth*, and *Topsham*.

Plimouth, Jan. 16 The 13th Instant came in here Her Majesty's Ships the *Bedford* and *Greenwich*, the former having sprung her Main-mast, and with them 17 Sail of Merchant Ships, which sailed hence the 18th Instant under their Convoy for *Lisbon*, having been put back by contrary Winds after they had been 20 Leagues West of *Scilly*. The 14th came in Rear-Admiral *Dilks*, with three of Her Majesty's Ships, and brought in a *French* Prize, being a Merchant Ship home-